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In Indonesia, which the president visited for the purpose, among others, of attesting to that country's progress as a democracy, religious minorities also bewail the unwillingness of a range of Indonesian officials, particularly at the state and local levels, to take action against those who perpetrate violence against them. Ahmadiyya Muslims, Christians, and other minorities feel a lack of protection and point to serious deficiencies in the rule of law.

In its most recent annual report, the **U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom** stressed the extent to which Indonesian security and anti-terrorism personnel have actually exacerbated the violence.